

Church of God, awa-East Texas & Ruston

Announcements • August 8, 2020

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Web sites: <http://cogwa.org>, <http://easttexas.cogwa.org> Friday Sunset: 8:13 p.m. (ET), 8:04 p.m. (R)

East Texas: 24345 County Rd 3107, Gladewater – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Mark Benton
Pianist – Kathy Treybig
Sermonette – Rod Gehrke
Sermon – Ken Treybig

Ruston: Country Inn & Suites, Ruston– 1 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague
Pianist – Vicky Morton
Sermonette – In Accord
Sermon – John Trotter

General Announcements

Announcement from HQ

Until further notice, we are asking that everyone over the age of 10 (this is the age set for Texas—please check with state and local authorities for the age requirement in your area) in attendance at one of our services come with a mask, a cloth face covering or a face shield (where accepted by state or local authorities). We are asking that you wear them coming in to services, while fellowshiping prior to and after services, while exiting the room, and while singing. As long as the seating allows for a minimum of 6 feet separation, there is no need to wear them while seated during the actual service unless required by the facility or governmental authority. Where local restrictions are more restrictive, we should comply with the local or state mandates. If you have a medical condition that prevents you from

wearing a mask, please consider using a plastic face shield instead (recommended by the CDC if you have such a condition). But if this is not possible because of your condition, you will not be required to wear a face covering. Please inform your pastor if this is your situation. Wearing a face covering or a face shield does not replace the need to maintain the social distance of 6 feet between you and other members who are not part of your immediate family. We should also, for the time being, refrain from hugging and shaking hands. If you are sick, we request that you stay at home and not attend services until you are well. If you have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, then you should be tested to determine if you are infected, and if the test is positive, you should quarantine at home for at least 14 days. You should also notify your pastor as to the last time you attended services prior to the development of symptoms and subsequent positive test. We are hopeful that, as conditions improve and we get beyond this current pandemic, we will be able to meet in services without face coverings in the very near future. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep our pastors updated as things change.

Services

Remember the hymnals are put away so if you want to use a hymnal, please bring your own. We will **not** have snacks or offer water, tea, or coffee.

If you are not feeling well, as has always been our request, please do not come. Services will still be webcast, or you can tune in via the phone hookup.

Friday Night Live

The next Friday Night Live will be on Friday night, August 21, at 7 p.m. Central time. The title is “Satan—Is this Character REAL?” It will be presented by Mr. Doug Horchak.

Deacon/Elder Meeting

As a reminder, the next deacon/elder meeting will be on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in our church hall.

Feast 2020 Survey

The year 2020 has been a tremendous challenge that none of us could have foreseen. The impact of the pandemic has presented us with obstacles we never could have imagined. However, with God’s help, we’ve been able to meet those challenges and move forward.

Now, with less than eight weeks until the Feast of Tabernacles, we’ve come to understand that none of the Feast sites outside of the United States will

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be able to host American members this year. Those brethren from the U.S. who have registered for the Caribbean; France; Quebec; Victoria, B.C.; the U.K.; South Africa; the Philippines; Australia; New Zealand; and other international site will need to change their plans.

It also looks as if all of our Latin American sites will only be able to host the Feast for brethren from their own countries—tourists from outside will not be allowed.

We are preparing all of our sites to make the necessary changes and adjustments to hall attendance and meeting protocols, as required by state and local COVID-19 orders. Yet we realize that some of our brethren within the United States are wanting to reduce their domestic travel, as well.

Because of these changes in international travel and restrictions within the United States, we know that many of you are having to change your Feast travel plans for 2020. As a result, we **need your assistance** so that we can provide the safest environment for God's people to keep the Feast this year.

On **Sunday, Aug. 16, an email** will be sent to all U.S. members who have registered for the Feast. The email will include a link to a three-question survey for you to confirm your plans for observing the Feast this year. We ask that all members complete the survey before midnight, Wednesday, Aug. 19.

One of the questions you will be asked is whether, due to concerns about travel, etc., you and your family now desire to attend your local assigned site. Please

know that even if your local assigned site is currently “closed,” you still can choose that option.

Since the impacts of the COVID-19 virus have been changing from week to week, we are doing our very best to prepare for keeping the Feast at the 11 regular and satellite sites throughout the U.S. The plan for keeping the Feast at these various sites includes the component of offering live webcasting of services for days when members may not be able to attend in person.

It is very important that each member/registrant complete this survey. The data generated from this email survey will provide needed information to ensure our members have seating available when they attend in-person services. Therefore, as a registered Feast attendee, it is imperative that you fill out this survey when you receive it.

Because we will need this information very soon, we ask that you complete the survey by **no later than Wednesday, Aug. 19.**

Thank you very much for your kind help.